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**Serial No.:** 09/724,039 : **Examiner:** Harish T. Dass

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**For:** METHOD, SOFTWARE PROGRAM :  
AND SYSTEM FOR ISOLATING :  
RISK IN A FINANCIAL :  
TRANSACTION :

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 8, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 8, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The July 8, 2004 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by October 8, 2004. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Of note, January 8, 2005 was a Saturday and January 9, 2005 was a Sunday. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed on Monday, January 10, 2005.